

# Hyde School Founded on Idea

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BATH (AP)—Why does a man who is attaining success within an established system leave it and enter on a highly speculative venture: What causes 38-year-old Joseph W. Gauld to leave a headmastership to found a new private school in Maine?

According to Gauld, there is a demand for a school which can break with tradition. He says that the tradition of most independent schools is to give in to the wrong demands, the status symbols such as entrance to Ivy League colleges, rather than to be directed only

by the educational needs of the students.

Gauld feels that since his concept departs from the ruling philosophy at most established schools, it would have been impossible to make the changes he wants anywhere but at a totally new school. And he believes enough in his concept to risk everything on it.

Gauld, who was previously headmaster at Berwick Academy, says that if a conflict arises between standard college requirements and the goals of the new venture, the Hyde School, he believes the good colleges will

bend a little to the school's philosophy.

As a headmaster, Gauld sees it as his role to hire the best possible faculty and then to give that faculty the freedom to improvise and experiment.

One of the basic programs Gauld will use is teaching French as the second foreign language for all students so they may converse in the language and become more fluent than is normal.

He also intends to integrate different courses to complement one another in the study of a single concept. And he will demand of his students that they participate in a wide variety of sports and activities. Gauld sees such programming as educating the "entire" student, as exploiting his full potential.

Gauld has had experience with the underachiever or the student who does not perform up to his potential and will have an underachiever program at the Hyde School this summer. This program, however, is entirely separate from the regular session which will be for students capable of doing college level work.

Gauld thinks his concept of concentrating on the student rather than the parents or trustees will gain recognition for the Hyde School. Although it will start with only about 65 students this fall, he foresees an enrollment of 250 by 1973, with students coming from all over the country.

While the Hyde School plans to break with tradition, its location has a solid tradition of its own. The school will be on the John S. Hyde estate, a 63-room mansion built in 1914 at a cost of \$500,000 and a classroom wing built by its former owners, the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

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